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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: 31ST UNGA

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1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON MFA UN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL LARS SCHONANDER AUGUST 24, POLCOUNS WAS INFORMED THAT, DESPITE UNCERTAINTIES PRESENTED BY RESULTS SWEDISH ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON AS OF NOW IS PLANNING TO LEAD SWEDISH DELEGATION TO 31ST UNGA. ANDERSSON WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 25 TO BE ON HAND FOR OPENIN SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 27 AND RETURN TO STOCKHOLM BY OCTOBER 4. MFA SECRETARY GENERAL SVERKER ASTROM, UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE ANDERS THUNBORG, AND MFA UN AFFAIRS CHIEF ORJAN BERNER WILL MOST PROBABLY ACCOMPANY. THUNBORG, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR OLOF RYDBECK AS SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO

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THE UN IN JANUARY 1977, MOST LIKELY WILL REMAIN IN THE

US THROUGHOUT THE UNGA SESSION. SCHONANDER AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR THUNBORG TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN WASHINGTON TO MEET IO OFFICERS (LEWIS, TOUSSAINT, BAKER, HELMAN AND POSSIBLY OTHERS). SOME OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF SWEDISH DELEGATION, ACCORDING TO SCHONANDER, WILL BE STATE SECRETARIES LENNART KLACKENBERG AND INGA THORSSON AND MFA POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR LEIF LEIFLAND. LEIFLAND WILL ARRIVE ONLY IN NOVEMBER AND REMAIN ONLY FOR SEVERAL DAYS. SCHONANDER SAID LEIFLAND, AS IS HIS CUSTOM, WILL WANT TO SPEND A DAY OR TWO IN WASHINGTON BEFORE RETURNING TO STOCKHOLM.

2. SCHONANDER, AFTER CHECKING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE, CALLED EMBASSY LATER TO SAY ANDERSSON WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE BILATERAL WITH SECRETARY IN NEW YORK. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SUCH A MEETING BE ARRANGED. IF NON-SOCIALIST OPPOSITION WINS THE ELECTIONS AND ANDERSSON DECIDES NOT TO LEAD SWEDISH DELEGATION, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT SECRETARY SCHEDULE BILATERAL WITH NEW SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WOULD, MOST LIKELY, BE NAMED ON OCTOBER 4 WHEN FALL SESSION OF RIKSDAG BEGINS.

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